

REMARKS

In the January 26, 2009 Office Action, prosecution was reopened in response to arguments presented in the Appeal Brief filed July 30, 2008. However, all pending claims 1-11, 14-31, 34-41 and 43-48 were again rejected on allegedly new grounds of rejection. Applicant respectfully traverses the new grounds of rejection and submits the rejections have no better support than the rejections prior to the July 30, 2008 Appeal Brief. Accordingly, a Notice of Appeal has been filed under 37 CFR 41.31 and is enclosed herewith.

A Notice of Appeal fee in the amount of \$510 was paid with the previous Notice of Appeal filed on June 3, 2008. Because the Notice of Appeal fee has increased to \$540 in the interim, an additional fee of \$30 has been enclosed to cover the difference. If the enclosed amount is insufficient, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.: 50-3054.

If the Examiner wishes to propose claim amendments or to resolve other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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